

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Kitov in the November 3 and November 7 telephone conferences. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the telephone conferences is incorporated into the following remarks.

Although claims 4-6 were indicated as allowed in the last Office Action, upon further consideration the Examiner determined that claims 4-6 are unpatentable over the cited art of record. This decision was conveyed to Applicants' representative by Examiner Kitov in the November 3 telephone conference.

By this amendment, independent claim 4 is amended to recite, *inter alia*, "wherein the protection circuit does not include a zener diode, and protects from overvoltage generated by the load upon discontinuing power to the load." As agreed during the November 3 telephone conference, no cited art of record discloses, teaches or suggests such a feature, nor would such a feature have been obvious at the time the invention was made. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is patentably distinguishable over the applied art. Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4 and therefore are allowable at least for their dependence upon an allowable base claim, as well as the additional features they recite. Accordingly, allowance of claims 4-6 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 9-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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